

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 731

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pastor Allen Jackson for his selection by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce as the 2009 Business Person of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is the senior pastor at the World Outreach Church (WOC), Pastor Allen Jackson, who has been honored by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce as the 2009 Business Person of the Year in homage to his unparalleled leadership abilities in expanding the WOC's facilities and creating new jobs for his flock, despite the severe economic recession; and

WHEREAS, chosen of God and ushered by the Spirit, Pastor Jackson has worked with the World Outreach Church since 1981, serving as the senior pastor for the last twenty years, and will join his congregants in celebrating the WOC's thirtieth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Middle Tennessee Community since 1968, Allen Jackson attended Riverdale High School in Murfresboro before earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oral Roberts University and a Master's degree in Religious Studies from Vanderbilt University; never tiring in his pursuit of knowledge, Pastor Jackson spent a year completing his post-graduate studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and is currently completing a Doctorate in Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston; and

WHEREAS, since being called by the Lord to serve at the World Outreach Church, Pastor Jackson has used his vision and compassion to thrust the church into service as a

beacon of light for twenty-first century ministry, and through adroit Christian leadership, he has grown the fellowship from 150 to more than 6,000 members; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his tireless efforts at the WOC, Pastor Jackson lends his tremendous talents to numerous organizations by serving as chairperson of the Murfreesboro Area Ministerial Association and on the Boards of the International Christian Embassy-Jerusalem, the American Red Cross, and the Community Advisory Board of the National Health Corporation Nursing Home; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jackson is also an active and important part of his community, having graduated from Leadership Rutherford, which is an annual program that identifies and trains future leaders to use their skills and energy in community service to benefit the fine citizens of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, because of his vast knowledge and singular acumen, Pastor Jackson is regularly the featured speaker at prestigious international conferences, most recently speaking at the International Christian Embassy-Jerusalem Feast of Tabernacles celebration in Jerusalem; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Pastor Jackson was named Outstanding Young Minister by the Junior Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Pastor Jackson is fortunate to share the love and companionship of his wife, Kathy, who serves alongside him as an active participant in the ministry at WOC; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jackson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a religious leader and humble servant of God, Pastor Jackson has demonstrated the utmost ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and the many and diverse members of his congregation at the World Outreach Church; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Allen Jackson, an outstanding pastor and

brillant businessman, for his meritorious service to the citizens of the state of Tennessee, offer our congratulations to him upon being named the 2009 Business Person of the Year, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.